THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The following State Highways have been proposed for declaration as new National Highways:—

(i) Jetpur-Junagarh-Veraval-Somnath-State Highway/Coastal Highway

(ii) Surat-Hazira-State Highway

(iii) Kandla-Mundra-Mandvi-Jakhau-State Highway

(b) Nil.

(c) and (d) the Jetpur-Junagarh road having a length of approximately 130 km is one of the roads under consideration for declaration as new national Highway subject to availability of funds.

(e) No time frame can be given at this state.

Objectives of NHAI

3058. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of National Highway Authority of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that National Highway Authority of India is yet to become operational since its inception in 1988;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make the Authority operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The National Highways Authority of India was constituted for the development, maintenance and management of antional highways and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(b) No Sir. It was operationalised in February, 1995 with the appointment of a Chairman and Members.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Memorandum of Understanding (1997-98) between Govt. of India and Indian Airlines Ltd.

The Minister of Civil Aviation SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Civil Aviation) and Indian Airlines Limited, for the year 1997-98.

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Notification of the Ministry of Food & Consumer Affairs

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV: Sir, On behalf of SHRI SURJEET SINGH BARNALA, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982 a copy (in English and Hindi of the Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs (Department of Sugar and Edible Oils) Notification No. GSR 656 (E). dated November 21, 1997 publishing the Sugar Development Fund (Amendment) Rules, 1997.

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I. Notifications of the Ministry of Law Justice & Company Affairs

II. Report & Accounts (1996-97) of Indian Law Institute, New Delhi & related papers

III. Report & Accounts (1996-97) of National Institute for the Training of Highway Engineers, New Delhi & related papers.

IV Accounts (1993-94 to 1996-97) of National Judicial Academy, New Delhi & related papers

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Sir, On behalf of SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI, I lay on the Table—I.a. copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs, under sub-